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Florida Hospital Hall


Grand Opening and Dedication

Florida Hospital Hall opened for classes January 4, 2011. Nursing students exuded an aura of pride in their steps and smiles on their faces in the halls and classrooms of their new building. The week culminated with a celebration of praise and thanksgiving at the grand opening and dedication on Saturday evening, January 8, 2011.

Florida Hospital Hall symbolizes the partnership between the university and Florida Hospital. To answer the question "Why a Florida Hospital Hall at Southern Adventist University?", Florida Hospital President Lars Houmann said, "the answer is very simple — a shared mission."

Music, speeches, student-led tours, former student missionaries dressed in national dress, food, and fellowship set the tone for the evening. Above all, it was a celebration of the blessings Florida Hospital Hall brings to the Southern campus.

"Mission must be our passion," said Barbara James, dean of the School of Nursing. "We rededicate ourselves to build on the rich heritage of those who have gone before and seek to inspire students to serve God and humanity in their communities, wherever that may be."

Our heartfelt thanks go to the donors, administration, board, faculty, students, architect, builders, designer, and to God who made this immense dream a reality. It is your home, too. Come and visit us during Alumni Homecoming Weekend, October 27-30, 2011. 



Nursing professor Judy Dedeker demonstrates Sim Man procedures.



Our youngest missionary, Zoe Eller, poses with nursing student Michelle Figueroa.

Chatting in the hallway are Randy Robinson, Ken DeFoor, and Bill McGhinnis.



Japanese Nursing Student Visit

Visitors enjoy classes and tourist attractions.

Twenty travel-weary nursing students from Japan arrived in Atlanta on August 3, 2010, eager to embark on a

skills. Basic Life Support Healthcare Provider CPR was also taught using the American Heart Association's Japanese-

NLNAC SITE VISIT

The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) sent seven reviewers to visit the campus October 2010. The purpose of the visit was to validate the findings of the self-study report on the AS, BS, and MSN programs prepared by the faculty of the School of Nursing.

Following three days of intense scrutiny, the preliminary report granted continuing accreditation and scheduled the next visit for Fall 2018. This is the maximum time period granted to those programs in compliance with the standards of the NLNAC. This report was affirmed by the NLNAC Board of Commissioners in March. The only area of concern is increasing the number of master's nurses teaching in the clinical and skills settings.

We praise the Lord for this excellent appraisal of the School of Nursing.



three-week cross-cultural exchange experience at Southern Adventist University.

Half of the students were from the Red Cross University in Tokyo and half were from Saniku Gakuin College. Students from the two schools were paired to stay with host families and enjoyed getting acquainted through family activities, outings, meals, and worship experiences. Group activities included ropes courses, whitewater rafting, Dollywood, the Tennessee Aquarium and IMAX Theater, and of course, shopping.

The more formal educational schedule included mornings of ESL activities and afternoons learning nursing assessment

translated DVD. Students were proud to receive certification cards.

Two partial days were devoted to touring area hospital and long-term care facilities. Comparing facilities, equipment, and nursing care between hospitals in Japan and the United States was very interesting to the students and triggered many questions.

The grand finale of this exchange experience was a banquet for students, host families, and teachers. Students wore colorful kimonos, sang songs in Japanese and English, and laughed heartily at the slides recapping their 21 days in Tennessee. 🌐



Manja Perilla and Heather Blackburn assist with medical care and triage.

Mission Service and Outreach

Students assisting, sharing, giving

The School of Nursing provided an opportunity for nursing students and faculty to participate in mission work during Spring Break 2010. Participants could choose to volunteer in Brazil or Nicaragua. Each experience provided opportunities to practice basic to advanced nursing skills while interacting with different cultures. As part of the mission work, students and faculty visited several communities providing medical care, health education, nutritional counseling, and dental services. Students also had multiple opportunities

to testify of the love of Christ. They distributed literature, told Bible stories, prayed, and sang with those they encountered.

In Brazil, students assisted with the Amazon Lifesavers Project, which ministers to those who live in the underserved communities along the Amazon River. This project was started in the 1930s by American missionaries Leo and Jessie Halliwell. Currently, Bradley and Lena

Mills, both graduates of the School of Nursing, oversee this project.

The group in Nicaragua assisted with work at the Tasba Raya Mission. This

mission, located in Francia Sirpi, was founded in the 1970s by students from Southern. Over

the years, many nursing graduates have returned to Tasba Raya on a long-term basis to minister to the community. 🌍

Students volunteered in Brazil and Nicaragua over Spring Break.

Rho Iota, Sigma Theta Tau International

Nursing Honor Society

On April 29, undergraduate and graduate students were inducted into the School of Nursing's Rho Iota chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. The ceremony was held in our beautiful Florida Hospital Hall. Keynote speaker was Katie Lamb, R.N., Ph.D., new Rho Iota president. She spoke about

the history of the society and its commitment to nursing excellence, knowledge, service, and leadership. The new members were encouraged to contribute directly to nursing excellence across the world in scholarship, research, and leadership. 🌍



Holly Gadd, Jillian Wills, Joelle Wolf, Maria Valenca

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2010 Alumni Reception

Honoring the Class of 1960

The School of Nursing confers Nursing Honors on individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment and contribution to the nursing profession.

At the annual nursing alumni open house on October 30, honors were awarded to the entire class of 1960—the first class to complete all four years as

Southern Missionary College nursing students (program began in 1956). This class has continuously supported one another and the School of Nursing. They have been present at many events, including attending the School of Nursing's golden anniversary gala and marching as the 50-year class in the May 2010 commencement. 



Class members present were pinned again—with honors by nursing faculty. Pictured: Kenneth Lake, Helen Elliott Krall, Norma Grubb Watkins, Phyllis Finney Driver, Bill Tate.

In Absentia: Barbara Beavers, Phyllis Moore Dickerhoff, Mary Lundquist Evers, Carol Rozell Pickel, Ruth Tyler Streffling, Marie Powell Sultzbaugh (deceased).


Summer Study Option Program

On May 2nd, 24 nursing students began Fundamentals I in the Summer Study Option (SSO) nursing program. This program is designed to enable students to complete their associate degree nursing courses in three consecutive summers.

Every five weeks, the students complete a 4-semester-hours nursing course. Each summer term includes 12 to 13 semester hours and begins the Monday after the spring graduation. In addition to classroom lectures and activities, SSO students get skills lab, simulation training, and hospital clinical experiences as in the regular semester program. The Learning Resource Center is available for additional assistance. During the regular

school year, SSO students return to campus for two days to review skills and theory in order to keep current between summer terms.

The current group of 24 students is quite diverse, but as the summer progresses they are bonding as a class and have arranged for several group study sessions.

The SSO program was first conducted as a pilot program in the summers of 2005-2007 with 18 students, who achieved a 100 percent state board pass rate. The School of Nursing renewed this opportunity to help decrease the number of students who have been on the waiting list for the traditional program offered during the school year. 

Quick Facts

- The MSN/MBA and MSN Nurse Educator programs are completely available online.
- Classroom equipment for online learning and distance education will be installed over the summer.
- The BS program is introducing completion courses online and will continue to offer one to two courses per semester until the rollout is complete.
- Funds generated through the call center have enabled the School of Nursing to purchase more simulation equipment, electronic medical record software, and other skills equipment. Thank you for your generous support.

New Nursing Faculty

The School of Nursing welcomes three full-time faculty for the 2011-2012 school year.

Jeff Gates, Dr.PH., is a graduate of Loma Linda University's School of Public Health. He brings extensive experience in research, lifestyle medicine, environmental medicine, and health behavior modification.

His adventures have spanned multiple countries and spawned a passion for mission service. His wife, Caroline, just completed the Family Nurse Practitioner program. They have three remarkable children (and three grandchildren). Jeff will be initially involved with masters program directed research and health promotion, and Doctor of Nursing Practice program development. Later he will teach epidemiology, research methodology, and components of advanced therapeutics related to lifestyle medicine, environmental medicine, health behavior modification, nutraceuticals, and phytopharmacology.

Joelle Wolf, M.S.N., R.N., graduated with three degrees from Southern! She brings a wealth of valuable experience to the School of Nursing, primarily in



Joelle Wolf, Jeff Gates, Cindy Rima


medical-surgical nursing and hospital administration. In addition, Joelle has been part of the School of Nursing as a clinical instructor, a graduate teaching assistant, and adjunct faculty.

Currently Joelle is the Summer Study Option (SSO) coordinator and will continue to teach Nursing Leadership and Management, clinicals, and simulation, for which she has a great passion. She says: "I feel that God led me into teaching. I wish I would have pursued it sooner, but I see that I now have a wide variety of life and work experiences that I can bring to the classroom, clinicals, and simulation." Joelle and her husband Don, have three sons.

Cindy Rima, M.S.N., R.N., A.N.P.-B.C., joined the School of Nursing full-time beginning in the winter of 2011.

She earned an associate's in nursing at Southern, a bachelor of science in nursing at George Mason University, and a master of science in nursing (Adult Nursing Practitioner) through a collaborative program with George Washington University. She has worked in a variety of settings and believes each experience has added to her knowledge base and contributed to her teaching.

Cindy will be teaching classes in the bachelor's and master's programs. She says: "As nurses, we are blessed with the privilege of being tools in God's hands to help bring intelligent, compassionate, competent health and healing to a broken world. I'm grateful to be part of a university and nursing program that not only has exemplary academic standards, but also provides the structure and support for students to grow with their heavenly Father."

She moved to the Collegedale area three years ago with her husband and 13-year-old daughter. 

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